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1. TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS TURKISH ARMY AND NAVAL UNITS IN WESTERN TURKEY AND AEGEAN SEA AREA WERE ALERTED SUNDAY AS "PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE CONNECTED WITH COMMENCEMENT OF SEISMIC SHIP OPERATIONS IN AEGEAN" (REF. A). PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT TURKISH NAVAL UNITS ARE SCHEDULED BEGIN "LARGE-SCALE MANEUVERS" IN AEGEAN TODAY, MAY 28, WITH TURKISH AIR AND GROUND FORCES UNITS ALSO TAKING PART.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO ADD TO SITUATION AT THIS TIME. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF MEASURES TAKEN WERE CONNECTED WITH GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS (PRESS SECRET

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REPORTS OF WARLIKE GREEK STATEMENTS, TURKISH DECISION TO INITIATE

SEISMIC OPERATIONS), AND WERE SET IN MOTION BEFORE PRIME MINISTER
ECEVIT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GREECE HAD AGREED TO DISCUSSIONS.
IT ALSO REMAINS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST SOME OF
MEASURES REPORTED, PARTICULARLY THOSE OUTSIDE OF WESTERN
TURKEY AREA, WERE UNRELATED TO GREEK-TURKISH SITUATION BUT
INVOLVED LOCAL TRAINING OR INSPECTION ACTIVITIES. AS TO

MANEUVERS BEGINNING MAY 28 DESCRIBED IN PRESS, THIS IS
APPARENTLY REFERENCE TO TURKISH MOVEMENTS EN ROUTE TO
OPERATION GOOD FRIENDSHIP.
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